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Letter to Rev R. Anderson
of the Am. B. C. F. Missions.

Mr. Anderson

Dear Brother

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On looking into the Missionary Herald

for the present month, I find an article headed, "Extracts from a communication of Doct. Hall to the Maryland Colonization Society". In introducing these extracts to the attention ^{of your} readers of the Herald, you inform them that "Doct. Hall is governor of the colony recently established at Cape Palmas, by the Maryland Colonization Society" - that he "had been on the coast about four months" when he wrote, ~~them~~ ^{said extracts} ~~that the Board~~ & that you publish ~~them~~ ^{as}, because the Board have already sent a missionary to the people of the native towns near the Colony, it ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~desirable~~ ^{desirable} to communicate to the readers of this work [the Herald] whatever information may be obtained respecting the soil, climate, population & prospects of this new field of missionary labor."

Now, Brother, having been assured by yourself in private conversation some months since, that the ~~American Board~~ ^{would not & did not intend to} ~~intend to identify itself in attempting a mission to Cape~~ ^{did not intend to} with the Maryland Colonization Society, or indeed with any other; on the contrary, that when at Baltimore about the time the Mission first sailed, you yourself expressly assured the friends of that Society, that the Mission must & should have no connexion with it, except simply, that the Board of Missions would avail ~~themselves~~ ^{itself} of any facilities which such a colony might afford for prosecuting ~~their~~ ^{its} appropriate work, & would do this, on the same ground & in the same sense in which ~~it~~ ^{it} would avail itself of any similar facilities, which any trading post, or expedition of discovery might happen to afford - I say, having been thus assured by yourself, I am bound - most sacredly & solemnly - ~~bound~~ by the high regard I entertain for yourself

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as a christian brother ^{worthy of all confidence} ~~of unimpeachable integrity~~ ~~bound~~ still more by
the ~~entire~~ attachments which ~~bind my~~ ~~link by~~ ~~best & holiest~~ ~~any~~
link me, as I trust, heart & soul to the Missionary Cause. in one word,
~~bound~~ by every possible consideration, to believe, that in publishing the
said extracts you did not intend, or for a moment, suppose, that you
were identifying the Cause of Missions with, or giving its sanction to
the Maryland Colonization Society, but did it simply & only because
you thought it ^{for the interest of the Missionary Cause} "desireable" ~~to~~ communicate to the readers of the "Herald" what
- ever information might be obtained respecting the soil ~~climate~~ &c of that
new field of Missionary labor.

I shall not here stop to discuss the desirableness or non-desira-
- bleness of information on these points. I take it for granted that you are right,
& that such information ^{and that "whatever" it may be} is "desireable," ~~and that "whatever" it may be~~
Cause of missions, & from whatever source ^{as long as it may be relied on} it may come. I take it for granted
also, that if information from "the governor of the colony, established by the
Maryland Colonization Society," is not intended ^{& does not in fact} to give the sanction of the Amer-
- ican Board to, nor identify it with that Society, much less will information
from some of the governed identify the Board with the Anti-Slavery Society
or give ~~its~~ sanction to its principles & measures. Your object, ^{if I understand it} is simply & only,
information, on certain points that you regard as important to the interests
of missions ~~in that quarter & you therefore go of course on the principle~~
If the "governor" testifies let him be heard. If one of the governed let him be
heard. Whoever gives the information, ^{if I understand it} "whatever" the information be, it is "desire-
- able" that the friends of missions in Western Africa should have it. I ask
you therefore, not as a colonizationist, ~~not as an abolitionist~~, but ~~sim-~~
- ply as a friend of missions, to publish in the next number of the
Missionary Herald, the following information touching the "climate" &c
of Cape Palmas. It is taken ~~in part~~ you perceive from the testimony of
different individuals, among which are the "governor" & the governed both.

In the extracts you published, Doct Hall, says, ~~The natural~~
~~though he would speak with caution~~, "the natural advantages," of the colony,

in every other respect [~~and that climate~~] are equal to those of any other part of the globe, & I think we may indulge a well-grounded hope, that Providence has been no less propitious with regard to the salubrit
-lucity of our location; & though he would "speak with caution" ~~perhaps~~
yet "comparatively", he "can safely say that this is a far more healthy place than Cape Messurado."

This certainly is important ^{"information"} ~~testimony~~. It assures us, on the authority of the "governor" ^{"too"} that, ~~for a certainty~~, Palmas is "far more healthy" than ~~Messurado~~ Messurado; & more than all, that there is a "well-grounded hope" that its "salubrit
y", like its other advantages, is "equal" to that of any other part of the globe". Surely if it be such an Eden Christendom should know it. What then are the facts - speaking "comparatively" as well as ~~otherwise~~?

So late even as Jan 6. 1851, the Rev^d R. J. Breckinridge &c [Maryland Scheme p 16. 17] get about for very weakness.

Now is this all still more recently the following has been received from one of the governed. Letter forwarded by Liberator by Colored Baltimorean.

This information, you of course perceive ~~for a difference~~ clashes somewhat with that of the "governor", still it is information that I assume you can be relied on, & as your object is to give the readers of the Herald "whatever information may be obtained respecting the soil climate &c of this new field of missionary labor", I trust you will not hesitate to spread this information before them in the next number of that ~~periodical~~. To be sure it is, in part, the testimony of colored men, that however, I am sure will not exclude it from your columns, for sure I am, that ~~the~~ neither you, or the Board have, or can have any sympathy with that odious provision which in some sections ~~exclude~~ makes color a crime, & ~~by virtue of it excludes~~

~~the testimony of colored witnesses against a white man in any case. To~~
~~from it. I ask you then as a friend of missions, to let the poor colored~~
~~mean be heard tell his side of the story, & give your readers "whatever~~
~~information" he can on the points, upon which it seems desirable to~~
~~be. They should have it. So doing you will I think essentially~~
~~aid the cause of missions, as well as oblige~~
 Your friend Christian Brother

Your friend & Christian Brother
Amos A. Phelps.

yourself & the Board with Colonization. You influence is true. That cause
of anti-slavery on this subject, to be there your consent
I think with you now that at you
to print testimony of as
it will be published & I shall feel - nor I alone I assure you - that
the sufferer & colored man a serious injustice, & also showing
that after all you do intend to look missions with colonization & give
the influence of the Cause of Missions to sanction a scheme of expatriation
and bloody in the extreme & worthy only of the reprobation of all good
men. In fact that I do not state the case too strongly I refer you to a
pamphlet, entitled the "Maryland Scheme", & for the correctness of whose state-
ments I am ready at any time pledge my reputation for veracity as
a Christian & a minister. You will understand that I send you this with
kindest feelings toward you & the Board & with an attachment to the Cause of
missions undiminished, but rather strengthened by my attachments to another
cause. I do it because I love missions & because I love you too well to
allow you to go forward, in a course, which if I persisted in, I know, with
Hath the Cause of missions to the heart. I come to you first with my com-
plaint, because I think this the Christian mode. I take this method of making
my complaint known, because I think you are not aware of what you
that in what you are publishing on this subject from time to time, you are in
fact, whatever disclaimers you may make, & honestly make, identifying your

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